

**NPDES Stormwater
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
REPORT OF MEETING**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2013
10:00 to NOON
CITY OF SAN MATEO**

- 1. INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND AGENDA REVISIONS:** Self-introductions were made. Debra Bickel announced that the City of San Mateo had just posted four job openings, including a Field Maintenance Manager, Regulatory Compliance Manager, Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager, and Deputy Public Works Director. Jon Konnan with EOA summarized a recent U.S. EPA audit of Redwood City’s stormwater program, which led to a discussion of County Environmental Health’s business inspection and enforcement procedures. Patrick Ledesma, with County Environmental Health, indicated Regional Water Board staff expressed concerns during the audit that it was not clear if County Health inspectors were inspecting on behalf of the county or the city when performing business inspections related to stormwater. County Health is working to improve its interaction with staff of cities in which it performs inspections to ensure all known facilities requiring inspection are properly identified and categorized as either being inspected by County Health or city staffs. There is a coordination meeting regarding County Health business inspections on October 24. Dale Bowyer with the Regional Water Board indicated the approach to business inspections in San Mateo County using Environmental Health was somewhat unique in that the inspections are independently funded through County Health (inspection fees charged to businesses, no cost to municipalities) – Board staff wants to ensure if problems are found that cities know they are ultimately responsible for ensuring they are resolved. Board staff also wants to make sure that between Environmental Health and city inspections, facilities that should be inspected aren’t falling through the cracks. Dale also questioned whether Environmental Health could utilize municipal ordinance authority. Dale reported a pet peeve of Board staff is that minor problems are not written up and then when a site is revisited several years later the same minor problems still exist. Dale says they want write ups leading to fixing of minor problems and avoiding repeat violations.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**
- 3. ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES -** The April minutes were adopted as written.
- 4. REGULAR AGENDA**
INFORMATION – MUNICIPAL REGIONAL PERMIT REISSUANCE: Staff provided a brief summary of the process and timeline for the Regional Water Board to reissue the Municipal Regional Permit in late 2014. Staff discussed the Steering Committee that has been convened through the Bay Area Stormwater Management Agencies Association to discuss high priority reissuance issues. The main areas of concern for reissuance are Provision C.3’s New and Redevelopment requirements, Provision C.8 Water Quality Monitoring requirements, Provision C.10 Trash Load Reduction requirements, and Provision C.11/C.12 Mercury and PCBs requirements. Jon Konnan emphasized that jurisdictions need to be aware that the mercury/PCBs requirements in the current permit are likely to expand to require control program implementation by municipalities, likely tied to areas of old industrial land use. Matt noted the Steering Committee is soliciting requested changes to MRP provisions from all Permittees, especially if a requirement is perceived as high cost and low benefit.
 - A. INFORMATION – UPDATE ON POTENTIAL COUNTYWIDE FUNDING INITIATIVE:** Staff provided a brief summary of the current status of the potential countywide funding initiative, including an update on the delays and challenges in obtaining enabling legislation for C/CAG to

sponsor a countywide initiative, details on the preliminary draft Funding Needs Analysis and Funding Options Reports, telephone surveys, and next steps.

- B. INFORMATION – MRP COMPLIANCE OVERVIEW/QUARTERLY CHECK-IN:** Jon Konnan provided a draft quarterly compliance activities report documenting all permit provisions and activities that should be completed by quarter for the remainder of the permit term. Jon explained that part of this document has been on SMCWPPP’s web site since the MRP was adopted. The quarterly check-in aspect, which has traditionally been handled through the Subcommittees, was added more recently when the Stormwater Committee was formed and the TAC changed to a quarterly compliance check-in format. Many of the items are presented with “ongoing” for each quarter, reflecting the continuous nature of most of the permit requirements. Jon requested feedback on the proposed format by the end of the month. Fernando Bravo of Menlo Park suggested a standardized database for tracking and reporting permit-mandated information would be very valuable. Dale Bowyer with the Regional Water Board strongly emphasized municipalities need to show significant, meaningful actions implemented after the Municipal Regional Permit was adopted to address trash load reduction in order to demonstrate compliance with the required 40% reduction by July 2014. These actions should be focused on the high trash generating areas in each jurisdiction. “Soft” actions, such as product bans, are good but must be accompanied by some form of assessment to verify effectiveness. Less assessment would be needed for “hard” actions (e.g., full capture devices) for which Board staff is more willing to give the benefit of the doubt regarding effectiveness. Dale said a letter would be coming out soon based on review of the 2013 Annual Reports establishing expectations for the next annual report in which the 40% load reduction must be documented.
- C. INFORMATION – UPDATE ON OTHER ISSUES, SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:** Staff referred to the summaries from recent subcommittee meetings included in the agenda packet.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2014, at the Oak Room in the San Mateo Main Library.

MEETING ADJOURNED